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Response to Amendment

The reply filed on 12-08-2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because: The Applicant incorrectly elected claims draw to a different species than the species elected by the Applicant. Since the period for reply set forth in the prior Office action has expired, this application will become abandoned unless applicant corrects the deficiency and obtains an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thomas Price whose telephone number is 703-308-2694. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30a.m. to 5:00p.m..

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